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Draft report

Rapporteur: Ms. Joyce **Duffy** (Ireland)

Organization of the work of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations met at United Nations Headquarters from 1 to 18 June 1999. The Committee held _____ meetings (688th to _____ meetings). The session was opened by Mr. Wahid Ben Amor (Tunisia), Chairman of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

B. Attendance

2. Representatives of all the States members of the Committee attended the session: Algeria, Bolivia, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Ethiopia, France, India, Ireland, Lebanon, Pakistan, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, United States of America.

3. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Albania, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Congo, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Indonesia, Iran (the Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Venezuela, Yemen.

4. The Holy See, a non-member State, was also represented by an observer.

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5. Palestine, an entity having received a standing invitation to participate as an observer in the sessions and work of the General Assembly and maintaining a permanent observer mission at Headquarters, was represented by an observer.

6. The following specialized agencies were represented: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

7. The following non-governmental organization in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council was representated by an observer: International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

8. The following non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council was represented by an observer: Baha'i International Community.

C. Election of officers

9. At the 688th and 689th meetings, on 1 and 2 June 1999, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Mr. Wahid Ben Amor (Tunisia)

Vice-Chairmen: Ms. Joyce Duffy (Ireland)
Mr. Hassan Najem (Lebanon)
Mrs. Mihaela Blajan (Romania)
Mr. Eduardo Tapia (Chile)

10. At the 697th meeting, on 8 June, it was decided that Ms. Joyce Duffy (Ireland) would also serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

D. Agenda

11. At the 688th meeting, on 1 June 1999, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/C.2/1999/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the 1998 session of the Committee;
   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification.
4. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.
5. Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 1996/302.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and decision 1995/304:
   (a) Consideration of special reports;

(b) Strenghthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat;

(c) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;

(d) Consideration of organizations whose defining characteristics are not in strict conformity with the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

7. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/32.

8. Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in the year 2000.

9. Adoption of the report of the Committee.